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INTEREST:**

- Read about what was discussed at the most recent transition meetings
- Find out how the plans for the Sheppard Detachment are coming along

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News from METC TIO Ft Sam Houston

Happy New Year! We look forward to a continued, productive working relationship between 882 TRG and METC-TIO personnel in 2009. We want to thank everyone for a very productive 2008, and, as we all know, 2009 will be another busy year as we get closer to programs moving to and starting at Ft Sam. As we start the New Year with a long "to do" list, where do we begin? Well, for sure we need to pick up where we left off and continue to work on and firm up one of the most important planning documents for both the Learning Centers (LCs) and METC-TIO – our transition plans. Good, thorough transition plans are designed to guide the closure of training programs at the LCs and transition them to Ft Sam in accordance with BRAC law, while still meeting required Service throughput. Transition plans align with other plans; the METC program phasing plans serve as the primary driver for transition plans, which are typically



(Above) The Medical and Education Training Campus' Transformation and Integration Office (TIO) temporary office bldg located on Ft Sam Houston

organized by building.

It is hard to believe, but in June 2009, the HQ Admin building (AF on second floor) is scheduled to be ready for use. So, that is the first building that requires a transition plan and will be a good "dry run" for the more complex and larger scale transition plans required for training programs going into the Medical Instructional Facilities (MIFs) with Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, and BMET going into MIF 1; the first training program is Radiology starting in Jun 2010, (Sep/Oct

2010 for the Air Force). MIF #2 is right around the corner, with the first training (Dental Lab) starting in Aug 2010. Once we get rolling with the phasing of programs to METC/Ft Sam, it will be too late for planning (except for maybe some fine tuning) -- everyone will be focused on executing the plan. Another reason why aggressive planning now, while there is still time, is so critical. After all, 2010 is now only a year away.

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News from METC TIO at Ft Sam Houston

(continued from pg 1) There are many important areas to consider in transition planning. A few are especially critical because of the potential impact on training:

Personnel: support staff and faculty: Who will come to Ft Sam and when (mil and civ)? How will training go on in two locations, if there is overlap? For new faculty (coming from SAFB or directly from another base), what is the plan to ensure they are trained (BIC) and qualified (internship, etc) so they will be ready to instruct? The military personnel moves can be planned now; for civilians, plans will be notional until the METC organizational structure is solidified.

Equipment: What to ship, what to buy new, etc? Is training equipment needed at SAFB to continue training during the transition? METC-TIO Logistics continues to work with LCs on this critical area. Logistics is also working on requirements to outfit buildings with non-training equipment and furnishings. With regard to IT equipment (hardware, software, training aids) METC-TIO IM/IT personnel have been working requirements with LCs .

As we work on the AF transition plans, we'll need to coordinate them with the other LCs and LC Project Managers (PMs), especially for programs that are consolidated to some extent. Our transition plans are living documents that need to be looked at frequently and updated monthly. We have a place on the METC-TIO website, Our Space, for LC transition plans so that they are accessible to all functional areas that have a stake in planning and execution. Your Transition Office personnel have access to this site.

Lastly, as we move forward with planning, if something comes to mind please bring it up...you may identify something new or overlooked that needs to be considered. The more eyes we have on this huge project, the better!

Thanks again for all your hard work!

Lt Col Janelle Costa, AF Lead METC-TIO Strategic Plans & Programs

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now." — Alan Lakein



882d Course Stop/METC Start Dates

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>FINAL 882 START/END</u>			<u>METC START</u>
Biomedical Equip Maint Spec.	8 Mar 10	/	6 Jan 11	4 Aug 10
Cardiopulmonary	20 May 11	/	31 Aug 11	15 Sep 11
Dental Assist Apprentice	29 Jun 10	/	3 Sep 10	4 Oct 10
Dental Laboratory Specialty	17 May 10	/	8 Nov 10	4 Aug 10
Diagnostic Imaging Apprentice	6 May 10	/	13 Aug 10	20 Sep 10
Diagnostic Ultrasound Adv Course	25 Mar 10	/	24 May 10	10 Jan 11
Diet Therapy	1 Jun 10	/	2 Jul 10	10 Jan 11
Health Car Spec. (AMSA)	17 Dec 10	/	5 Apr 11	18 Apr 11
Health Service Mgt. Apprentice	25 Jun 10	/	17 Aug 10	4 Oct 10
Independent Duty Med Tech	4 Nov 10	/	14 Feb 11	11 Apr 11
Medical Laboratory	1 May 10	/	7 Sep 10	1 Nov 10
Medical Material (Logistics)	14 Jun 11	/	18 Jul 11	3 Oct 11
Mental Health Spec.	9 Jun 10	/	11 Sep 10	8 Nov 10
Ophthalmic	6 May 11	/	22 Jul 11	3 Oct 11
Pharmacy Apprentice	19 Mar 10	/	16 Jun 10	13 Sep 10
Physical Medicine (PT)	25 Jan 10	/	18 May 10	4 Oct 10
Surgical Service Apprentice	14 Jul 10	/	15 Sep 10	1 Nov 10

Sheppard Detachment Update

Good news! Sheppard AFB has approved the courses remaining to form the Detachment along with their support staff to be housed in the second floor in Building 1923. This will make it a short distance move and provide a world class training envi-

ronment. Finalizing this decision allows us to start planning for the space utilization (where each course will go). For the nursing courses, the POC is Capt Jackson and for the MSC/Admin courses, the POC is Maj Martin. If you have a vested interest, or

just want to see what is being planned, please be sure to communicate with these project officers or with myself.

— Lt Col Rowe



METC Building Construction Update



(Left) The METC Dining Facility under construction on Ft Sam Houston. The two-story METC Dining Facility will be the largest in DoD.

(Right) The Air Force and Navy HQ Administrative Building at METC on Ft Sam Houston nears completion



Surgical Tech Apprentice VTC

Well, the Navy's Distance Learning certification program is under way. The information is being mailed out next week to all service instructors to pilot the Navy's program. Instructors will be able to take the Navy's curriculum on-line or by distance learning and then sit for AST certification test to be ready to teach the accredited program once we hit San Antonio. CAA-HEP will approve or disapprove NLT Mar 2009.

We may get to travel back down for an RRA earlier than expected. According to Mr. Christensen, the curriculum development should be completed early (April time-frame) as opposed to the previous date of August that was given.

Final review of building design and development have been submitted, all suggestions have been elevated and we are waiting to hear more on that.

The Navy was not approved to join the Army for Readiness training. Their extra hours will be loaded into their Phase II portion of the class.

— TSgt Sykes



Future meetings, VTC's, discussions, etc...

18 Feb	Surgical Apprentice VTC	1300-1400
19 Feb	METC Logistics IPT	1400-1500
23 Feb	Transition Team Meeting (alternating Mondays/Grp Conf Rm)	1300-1400
23 Feb-2 Mar	Dental RRA (In San Antonio)	
23-27 Feb	Preventive Medicine RRA (In San Antonio)	
26 Feb	Kick-Off VTC for Diet/Nutrition, Med Logistics & Patient Admin	0900-1000
2 Mar	Sub Team Leads Mtg	1300-1400
2-4 Mar	Preventive Medicine Tech RRA (San Antonio)	
3 Mar	IM/IT VTC	1400-1500
4 Mar	Surgical Apprentice VTC	1300-1400
4-6 Mar	Med Lab RRA (San Antonio)	
5 Mar	Academic IPT	1000-1100
9 Mar	Transition Team Meeting (alternating Mondays/Grp Conf Rm)	1300-1400
10 Mar	Interservice Training Advisory Board Meeting (San Antonio)	
12 Mar	Stakeholders IPT	0900-1000
12-13 Mar	Field Officer Services Council Meeting (San Antonio)	



Otolaryngology (ENT) Update

TSgt Rommel Juan, Otolaryngology Instructor, recently attended the first "Face-to-Face" curriculum development rewrite for the Otolaryngology course, 5-16 January 2009 at Ft Sam Houston, Texas. The meeting developed a consolidated curriculum of Army and Air Force Otolaryngology Technologist Program with a combined 120 hours (didactic). The F2F resulted in the completion of a "strawman"

at the lesson topic level and outline of curriculum plan. The F2F also identified Army service specific requirements.

The issue of Phase II site was identified and was brought up to the Career Field Manager and Senior Enlisted Leader. Possible clinical sites, Phase II, discussed were Wilford Hall, Brooke Army Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Hospital and the University of

Texas Health Sciences Center.

TSgt Juan recommends that anyone attending a F2F meeting should keep an open mind, and think about the future needs of Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel.

Readers Feedback

This is your newsletter, we really want to hear back from you. Please take a few minutes out of your busy day to send us your feedback via an email. Simply tell us what you thought was good about the newslet-

ter and what you thought wasn't as beneficial to you as an 882 TRG member. Submissions are always welcome!

— MSgt Ralph Cuevas



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MISSION: We produce the world's best military healthcare personnel to support the nation

VISION: The nation's leader in military medical education and training

STUDENT POPULATION TOTALS BY SERVICE

AF ADSL = 1,153	FY10 ALR = 5,271
Army ADSL = 4,033	FY10 ALR = 13,197
Navy ADSL = 2,606	FY10 ALR = 6,008

* Based on FY10 Projections.



Stakeholders' Meeting

The next Stakeholder's meeting between the METC folks in San Antonio and all the learning centers will be on 12 March 2009.

The primary purpose of the stakeholders' VTC is to give an update on the latest METC events. To view the slide updates, go to the shared drive at \\B1900-2100pro\882metc\Public\Briefings\IPT_Updates



METC AF dorm under construction



Next issue...

Coming in March...

- * An update on the new METC Building construction progress
- * Town Hall Meeting Follow-up
- * SATAF update
- * More VTC & Face-to-Face Meeting updates

Artist depiction of the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) at Fort Sam Houston